



Director of
Central
Intelligence

Top Secret

BETTY

25X1

National Intelligence Daily

***Thursday
2 September 1982***

Top Secret

CPAS NID 82-206/JX

2 September 1982

Copy 265

25X

Page Denied

Top Secret



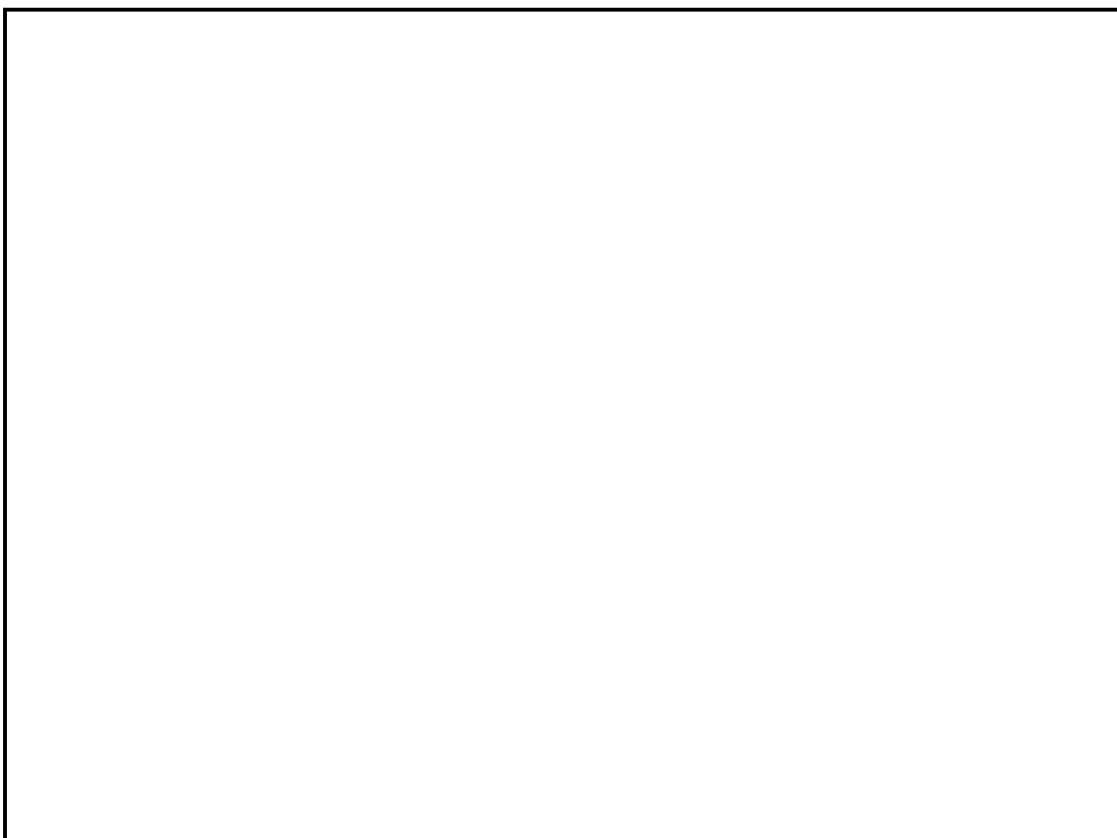
25X

Contents



25X

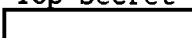
5 Ethiopia-Somalia: *Military Developments* 5



25X



Top Secret



2 September 1982

25X

25X

Page Denied

Next 4 Page(s) In Document Denied

Top Secret

(5) ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA: Military Developments

Fighting along the border remains light while both sides build up their military capabilities with deliveries from foreign sources.

Ethiopia has strengthened its reserve forces near Balenbale with additional artillery and infantry.

In Somalia, the distribution of small arms and ammunition to frontline units and the news of the US airlift are improving the morale of President Siad's forces.

The Somali Army reportedly does not plan to attack the Ethiopian salients until it obtains arms more modern than those already received or promised. The Defense Ministry claims US insistence that Somalia keep regular troops out of the Ogaden will require a frontal assault resulting in high Somali casualties unless the Army's mobility, armor, and antitank capabilities are substantially improved.

Comment: Siad is in no hurry to attack the Ethiopians, who apparently have decided to restrict their activities to defensive operations near the border. The incursions have muted domestic dissent and have enabled Siad to obtain long-promised arms shipments from several suppliers. As a result, the decline in his political position has halted temporarily.

The acquisition of tanks, antitank weapons, and armored personnel carriers will allow Somalia to undertake offensive operations in the border region in a few months. Over the longer term, however, the diversity and age of much of the equipment will overwhelm Somalia's inadequate logistic and maintenance system. Somali-supported guerrilla operations in the Ogaden are likely to continue to increase.

Top Secret

2 September 1982

Page Denied

Next 10 Page(s) In Document Denied

Top Secret

Approved For Release 2007/06/01 : CIA-RDP84T00301R000500010006-6

25X

Top Secret

Approved For Release 2007/06/01 : CIA-RDP84T00301R000500010006-6